

ABSTRACT

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2 An internet interface service system and method are capable of connecting portable
3 mobile terminals of users (such as notebook computers, palm top computers, network computers,
4 PDAs, and the like) to a communication (or internet) network in public places (such as airports,
5 conference places, bus terminals and the like). In accordance with the system and method, the
6 mobile terminals are connected via the communication network to any of a plurality of
7 information providing servers for receiving information. A settlement server is provided for
8 performing electronic settlements of communication connection charges for the mobile
9 terminals. An internet interface unit is provided for enabling the mobile terminals to be
10 connected to the communication network and for charging the users of the mobile terminals for
11 the usage of the internet interface service system. A central management server manages the
12 internet interface unit, allocates dynamic IP addresses when the mobile terminals of users are
13 connected to the internet interface unit, and releases the allocated addresses upon termination of
14 communication of the mobile terminals.